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Minnesota Grocers Association Presents 2023 MGA Legislator of the Year Award to Representative Robbins

St. Paul, MN – February 1, 2023 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) presented its 2023 MGA Legislator of the Year award to Representative Kristin Robbins (R – Maple Grove) at its annual Legislative Dinner on January 31, 2023, at the St. Paul Hotel in St. Paul, MN.

Each year, the Minnesota Grocers Association acknowledges a lawmaker who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the food industry. The 2023 MGA Legislator of the Year award went to Representative Robbins for her championing of the MGA's top legislative priority - the refilling of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Her bill allocated Federal relief dollars to the UITF, which would prevent Minnesota businesses from being hit with increased taxes and surcharges. Robbins also authored a bill that would allow employers to receive a Workforce Training Credit for eligible expenses for direct costs of training paid by an employer to train an employee.

"Representative Robbins fought tirelessly last session in promoting legislation that creates jobs and careers for her constituents. She displayed outstanding commitment in advocating for common sense policies that spur economic activity and help our neighbors keep their shopping baskets full," said Jamie Pfuhl, President of the MGA. "This award is a testament to her vision, leadership, and support of the entire industry from farm to fork."

Minnesota's food industry is a crucial component of maintaining a vibrant economy that families and communities really on. With inflation and rising costs affecting every part of our daily lives, I am proud to support policies that create jobs and allow families to afford the items they need to thrive," said Robbins. "I am honored to receive this award from the Minnesota Grocers Association I will continue to advocate for consumers, main street Minnesota businesses, and all Minnesotans."

The MGA congratulates Representative Robbins on being named the 2023 MGA Legislator of the Year.

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are a legacy organization, having served the industry for over 125 years. We have over 300 retail, manufacturer, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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Pictured: MGA Board Chairman Chris Quisberg, Representative Kristin Robbins (R – Maple Grove), Jamie Pfuhl, President, MGA